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1. On 15 June 1947, two Soviet Air Force majors, reported to be technicians attached to a high level command, visited the Soviet Navy scientific staff in Karlshorst to survey German personnel who might be used on a new project concerned with a fighter gun-sight (or aiming) device (Jaegerzielgerät).
2. The two officers obtained the services of Dr. Giovanni Hilgers for this project, which will be located in the AEG Lokomotiv-Fabrik in Berlin-Hennigsdorf. It will be closely integrated with the Zeiss plant at Jena, which will handle production of target practice devices (Zielübungsgerät).
3. The Russians showed Dr. Hilgers their material, in particular details of American target practice devices, which they stated was obtained through intelligence sources. The project is to begin not later than 15 July and is scheduled to be run to completion by the end of 1947.

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earlier reports reveal that the target practice devices were earlier contemplated as a Soviet Navy research group project. On 20 March 1947, however, Moscow ordered the Navy group to discontinue all research except that concerned with guided missiles.

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